

## **Public Notice – Environmental Project**

### **PURPOSE OF NOTICE:**

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

July 16, 2013 to August 13, 2013

### **TYPE OF RESPONSE:**

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing a proposed federal construction activity to determine if it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

### **NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:**

DOD/U.S. Navy

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Department of the Navy (Navy) proposes to construct the Atlantic Fleet Aerial Target Operations Facility (ATOF) at Naval Air Station Oceana, Dam Neck Annex in the City of Virginia Beach. The project consists of the construction of a 1,635 square meter (m<sup>2</sup>), two-story ATOF, and a 115 m<sup>2</sup> stand-alone Center-of-Gravity (CG) Alignment and Range Operations Facility for Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division/Atlantic Target Marine Operations (NAWCAD/ATMO). The Proposed Action would also include the demolition of four buildings at Dam Neck Annex. NAWCAD/ATMO provides an average of fifty-four BQM-74 aerial target launches per year in support of critical Fleet air-to-air and surface-to-air training in Operating Area 'W-72' (VACAPES). This project would provide for uninterrupted, critical mission essential surface/aviation operations systems, weapons and radar systems training. The Navy has submitted a Federal Consistency Determination that finds the proposed action consistent, to the maximum extent practicable, with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

### **HOW TO COMMENT:**

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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